

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Denis R. O'Brien (Reg No. 42,947) on January 26, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

- New claims 26 and 27 have been cancelled.

***Response to Applicants' Summary of Phone Interviews***

***dated 1/8/2010 and 1/26/2010***

2. In the interest of compact prosecution, this Examiner's Amendment serves to expediently end the current Application's patent prosecution.
3. With regard to Applicant's Summary of Phone Interviews dated January 8, 2010 (Summary 1) and January 26, 2010 (Summary 2), Applicants are reminded that a Final Office Action was mailed on June 29, 2009. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.135, a failure to reply to an Office Action will cause an application to go abandoned.

On March 4, 2010, Mr. Sheikh communicated to Mr. O'Brien that all the outstanding issues relating to Applicant's Summary of 01/08/10 were discussed with Examiner Wong and resolved.

***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BLANCHE WONG whose telephone number is (571)272-3177. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 830am to 530pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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